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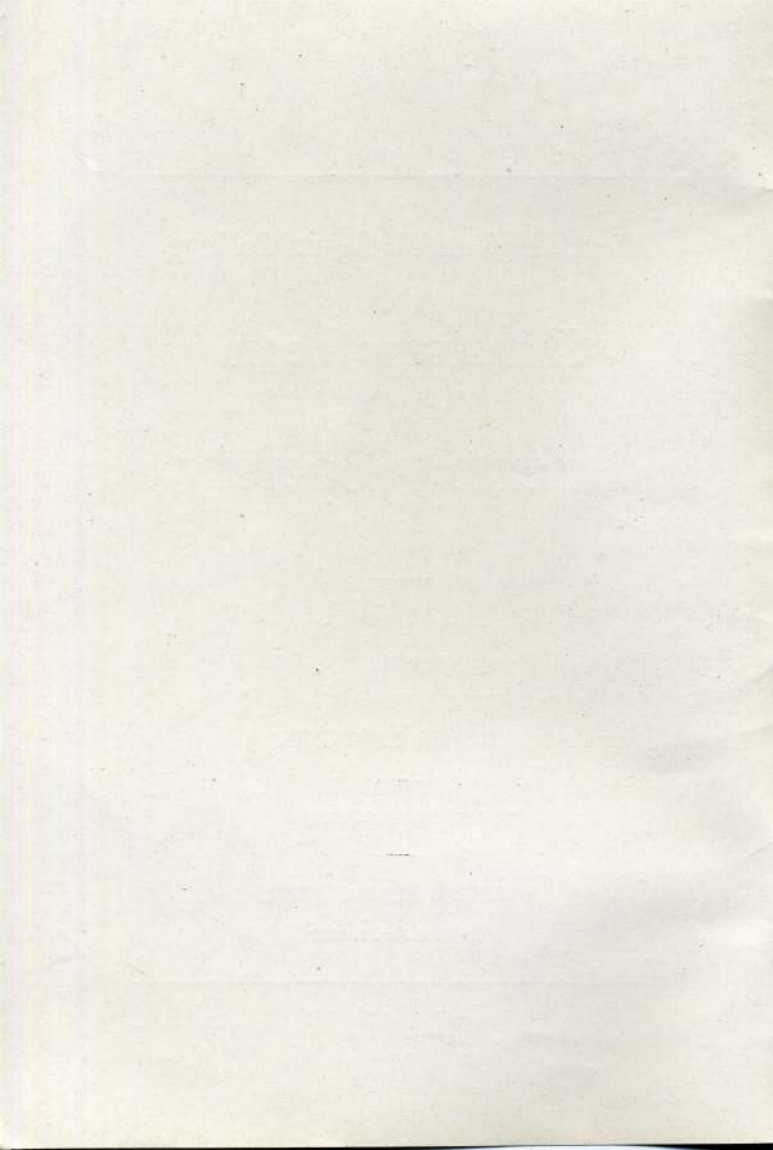
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PREAMBLE.

We, the undersigned members of the Chrestomathaen Literary Society, desirous of mutual improvement in literature, oratory, parliamentary usage, friendship, and morality, do ordain and establish for our government the following Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

SEC. 1. This organization shall be known as the Chrestomathean Literary Society of the West Virginia Wesleyan College, of Buckhannon, W. Va.

SEC. 2. The motto: VIRTUE ET LABORE.

SEC. 3. The Golden Rule shall be our Social Law.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. This Society shall consist of Active and Honorary Members.

SEC. 2. None but students of the College shall become active members of this Society.

SEC. 3. To become an active member of this Society, the student shall,

1. Receive a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting;

2. When elected shall be called upon by the president to publicly sign its Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order.

3. Within two weeks pay an initiation fee of one dollar, which shall include his first term fee, but upon his failure to comply with these conditions he shall stand suspended, and his suspension shall be publicly announced by the president.

SEC. 4. Any graduate or under-graduate, who, when he left the College, was an active member of the Society, and has not withdrawn, shall, upon returning to College, be considered an active member of this Society; be entitled to all the privileges, perform all the duties, be subject to all the fees, fines and penalties of the same, until he shall withdraw from active membership.

SEC. 5. The Honorary membership of this Society shall consist:

1. Of under-graduate members, who have withdrawn from active membership;

2. Of graduate members, who have withdrawn from active membership;

3. Of professors, and instructors who

shall have been elected by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting.

SEC. 6. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of active members, except voting at elections, and holding office; and shall also be exempt from all fees and fines.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Critic, Marshal, Pianist and Chorister.

SEC. 2. All officers shall be elected separately by ballot, at a regular meeting at the end of each term, by a majority of all the votes cast, and shall remain in office till their successors are installed.

SEC. 3. In case the election is not held as above provided, the election of officers shall be the order of the day at each succeeding regular meeting until all officers shall be elected.

SEC. 4. In case a vacancy in any office except the presidency occurs the Society shall proceed immediately to fill such vacancy.

SEC. 5. The officers at their installation shall take the following obligation:

“I do hereby solemnly promise that I will punctually and faithfully discharge all the duties of my office to the best of my knowledge and ability.”

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President:

1. To provide over all meetings at which he may be present;
2. To open and close the same in due form.
3. To preserve strict order and decorum, and enforce the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order;
4. To deliver an inaugural address on taking the chair and valedictory on retiring from office;

5. To appoint a Chaplain for his term of office, and all Committees not otherwise provided for;

6 To post on the bulletin board, at least ten days in advance, the program of each meeting.

7. To perform such other duties as his office may require.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President: 1. To succeed to the presidency in case of a vacancy in that office.

2. To preside in the absence of the President, and in such case to perform all the duties of that office;

3. To act as chairman of a committee of three (the two other members to be appointed by the President), for the selection of a question for each regular debate; which question shall be announced to the Society two weeks in advance.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary:

1. To keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society;

2. To record subjects debated, disputants

engaged and decisions rendered.

3. To have charge of all books, documents and papers of the Society, except those otherwise provided for;

4. To issue orders on the treasury, which orders shall be countersigned by him after being signed by the President;

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1. To keep in charge all moneys belonging to the Society;

2. To keep an account of dues, fines, receipts and expenditures;

3. To notify each member of his dues and fines, and to collect the same;

4. To pay all orders signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary;

5. To make a full and accurate statement at the end of his term of office of the financial condition of the Society, of all moneys received and paid, with vouchers for the same, which statement shall be read before the Society.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Cor-

responding Secretary:

1. To take charge of the book containing the Constitution of the Society, with the names of those subscribing thereto:

2. To notify all persons elected Honorary members;

3. To write all other communications for the Society;

4. To countersign all communications signed by the President.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Critic to criticise all performances at the close of the program.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Marshal:

1. To act as usher, and to select assistants when necessary;

2. To distribute and collect all ballots at elections; also, to distribute and collect the judges tickets;

3. To deliver all messages for the Society.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Pianist to perform on the piano for all music of the Society, and when not otherwise provided, shall play the accompaniment of all

other vocal music.

SEC. 9. (1) It shall be the duty of the Chorister to lead all music of the Society.

(2) To provide for a musical program.

ARTICLE V.—HOW AMENDED.

SEC. 1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Society at any regular meeting.

SEC. 2. Any amendment shall be proposed and announced at a regular meeting previous to its consideration and adoption.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. This Society shall meet on Saturday evening of each week at promptly 7:30, and shall be opened within five minutes of the time. No meeting shall continue later than 10 o'clock p. m.

SEC. 2. By the request of ten members, the President shall be required to call special meetings, notice of which shall be posted on the bulletin board at least 24 hours before the time of meeting.

SEC. 3. No other business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that for which it was called.

SEC. 4. One third of the active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE II.—FINES AND DUES.

SEC. 1. The President shall impose all fines.

SEC. 2: A fine of 25 cents shall be imposed for each non-performance, and a fine

of 5 cents for each absence from roll-call.

SEC. 3. A fine of from 10 to 50 cents shall be imposed on any member guilty of repeated disorderly conduct.

SEC. 4. Any officer failing to perform his duty shall be fined 25 cents.

SEC. 5. All fees and fines not paid within four weeks after due shall be doubled; if not paid in eight weeks the delinquent shall be suspended until such dues are paid.

SEC. 6. Any member guilty of repeated disorderly conduct, after refusing to amend shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the Society.

ARTICLE III.—MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. Before adjournment at each meeting the President shall officially announce all fines imposed at such meeting.

SEC. 2. Members absent on account of sickness detention by parents, or out of town by permission of the Faculty are excused from fines.

SEC. 3. In case of vacancy in Regular Debate the President shall call for volun-

teers; if not thus filled the President shall appoint some one to fill such vacancy.

SEC. 4. Each performer on Reading, Essay, and Oration must present his subject to the President in writing, and the same shall be announced from the chair before his appearing on the floor.

SEC. 5. The speakers on regular debate shall be limited to four; each shall have 10 minutes.

SEC. 6. General debate is limited to 30 minutes.

SEC. 7. Orations are limited to 10 minutes.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. In the absence of both President and Vice-President, a President pro tem shall be chosen, who shall immediately take the chair.

2. When the meeting is called to order each member shall take a seat, which he shall not leave during the evening without permission from the President.

3. No member shall speak on any motion

more than twice, nor more than once until all wishing to speak have spoken.

4. When a motion or amendment has been made and seconded, the President or any member may call on the author thereof to reduce the same to writing and present it to the President, who shall announce it to the Society for discussion.

5. When a motion has been decided it shall be in order for any member (except those who voted in the minority) within three weeks to move the reconsideration thereof.

6. No using tobacco or taking refreshments shall be allowed in the Society Hall,

7. These Rules of Order of Business may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present, but only for a single evening.

8. All points not provided for under the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order shall be referred to and decided in accordance with Roberts's Rules of Order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I.—Music by Society.
- II.—Prayer by Chaplain.
- III.—Roll Call. Reading of Minutes.
- IV.—Election of New Members.
- V.—Appointment of Judges.
- VI.—Regular Performances.
- VII.—Society Music. Decision of Judges.
- VIII.—Report of Critic.
- IX.—General Debate.
- X.—Announcement of Program (third in advance.)
- XI.—Reports of Committees.
- XII.—Unfinished Business.
- XIII.—New or Miscellaneous Business.
- XIV.—Action on Fines.
- XV.—Roll Call. Adjournment.

COMMITTEE.

G. W. FISH.

G. A. PEGRAM.

J. O. BOLTON.

W. G. LOYD.

PORTER HARDMAN,

MARSHALL BROWN,

CLARK SINGLETON,

HERBERT STANSBURY,

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